

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated August 24, 2005 and have made amendments to the claims. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, Claims 7, 25-28, 30-34, 36-37 remain pending. Claims 1-6, 10-24, 35, and 38-39 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 7 and 36 have been amended. Reconsideration and further examination of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Nguyen for indicating allowance of claims 25-28, 30-34 and 37 and the allowability of claims 7 and 36 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have amended claims 7 and 36 as suggested by the Examiner, and have cancelled all other rejected claims. The Applicants therefore respectfully assert that the application, as amended, is presently in condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-6, 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Holehan* (U. S. Patent No. 6,043,809) (hereinafter "Holehan") in view of *Gerpheide* (U. S. Patent No. 6,473,069) (hereinafter "Gerpheide"). The Applicants have cancelled claims 1-6, and 10-13, without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

The Examiner rejected Claims 14-19, 22-24, 35 and 38-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Holehan* (U. S. Patent No. 6,043,809) (hereinafter "Holehan") and *Gerpheide* (U. S. Patent No. 6,473,069) (hereinafter "Gerpheide") in view of *Ross et al.* (U. S. Patent No. 6,608,628) (hereinafter "Ross"). The Applicants have cancelled claims 14-19, 22-24, 35 and 38-39, without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as full and complete response to the Official Action mailed August 24, 2005, and it is submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, said allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities that can be corrected by Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (561) 989-9811 is respectfully solicited.

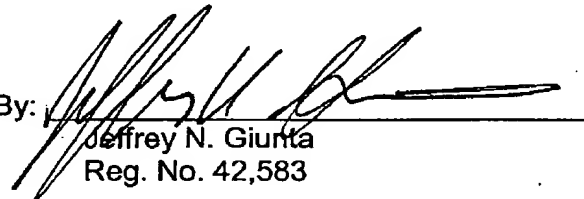
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 09-0441.

In view of the preceding discussion, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and re-examination is requested.

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